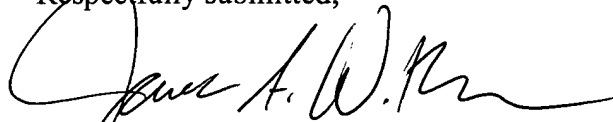


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed January 30, 2004. The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed Claims 25 and 26. Claims 1-24 and 27-38 have been cancelled without prejudice; therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is solicited.

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